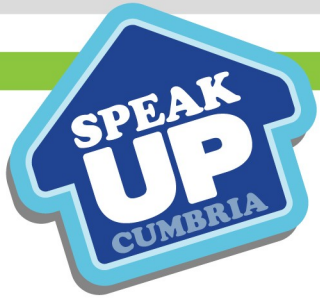




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- **SpeakUp is a community participation project driven by young people**
- **It has taken 2 years to develop a website that does everything young people have asked for and meets the needs of the organisations working with them**
- **It provides a new opportunity for young people to have a voice and influence in Cumbria using one of their favourite communication tools**



## So what is it?

- **A website that provides 'Facebook' and 'Bebo' functionality without the associated risks, SpeakUp takes youth participation to a new level**
- **Each tool has been custom built to ensure security but without compromising on usability, appeal and fun**
- **SpeakUp is a key communication tool for young people and for the adults who need to engage with them**



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David Thompson

Last login: 25/06/2009

Edit Photo

Gender: Male  
Age: 17  
Home: Windermere  
School: Cockermouth School  
College: Kendal College

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What's New?

5 minutes ago

Sue Kennedy added 3 new photos to the album I hate graffiti!!!

7 minutes ago

Sarah Jane Ellis updated her profile

14 minutes ago

Sue Kennedy commented on her photo  
"YES. Gordon Peterson the labour councillor is on here...."

23/06/2009

Sue Kennedy commented on Scott Findlater's blog post  
"I think that's diffinitely the way forward scott, keep up the good work"

23/06/2009

Carly Robinson commented on Scott Findlater's blog post  
"awesome scott we love it!!"

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Groups

Allithwaite C of E Primary School  
Jeremy Clarkson should be Prime Minister  
Cartmel Priory School - Because Good Things Come in Small Packages.

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Sedbergh Wildlife Society

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25 Jun 2009, 10.53am  
Can Man Utd cope losing 2 such important forwards?  
Scott Findlater

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Online Now

2 friends

Scott Findlater  
Sue Kennedy

My Friends

Have your say

Have you ever been the victim of racist violence?  
Yes, once (36%)  
More than once (12%)  
No, never (48%)  
Total voters: 124

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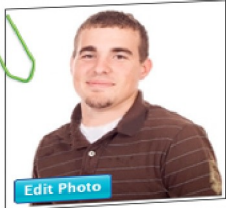
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**David Thompson**

Last login: 25/06/2009



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Gender: Male

Age: 17

Home: Windermere

School: Cockermouth School

College: Kendal College

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**Facts**

Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Height	5'9
Ethnicity	White
Religious views	Christianity
Sense of humour	Simpsons
Likes	Football, football, football
Dislikes	Arrogant people and cats

**The latest from David's blog: "David rules"**

Thursday, 25 June 2009, 11.24am

**Kendal town Win against Bradford**

all is not lost 4-3 and they played the best they have all season - come on guys you can do it.

Posted by: David Thompson [0 comments](#)

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**Blurb**

I'm David, I play football and enjoy social banter with my friends. I'm 5'9 and have brown hair.

**Favourites**

**Activities**

I always play football, in my spare time, I like to spend plenty of time in bed too.

**Books**

Autobiographys are the best! and How to be a jedi

**Cars**

Audi R8, subaru

**Music**

Pretty Much Anything, Linkin Park, Fightstar, Basshunter and Cascada and othe dance stuff. Kaiser Cheifs, Pigeon Detectives...etc!

**TV Shows**

2 Pints Of Lager & A Packet Of Crisps

**Movies**

Alien, Mean Machine, Hardball, The Beach, Lock stock

**Pets**

Dog called billy

**Sports**

Football

**URLs**

[www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk)  
[www.apple.com](http://www.apple.com)

# Young persons profile

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**Connexions Cumbria**  
 Added: 21/05/09  
 Connexions Cumbria provides information, advice, guidance and personal development support to all young all people aged 13-19 and up to the age of 25 for young people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities.  
 Category: [Children's Services](#)  
 Owner: [Mr Richard Frank](#)

Location: Kendal  
 Access: Public  
 Members: 134



**Cumbria Children's Society**  
 Added: 28/05/09  
 The Cumbria Children's Society is a leading children's charity committed to making childhood better for all children in the Cumbria. We take action to prevent, rescue and support children facing life trapped in a vicious circle of fear and harm.  
 Category: [Children's Services](#)  
 Owner: [Mrs Jenny Jamieson](#)

Location: Carlisle  
 Access: Public  
 Members: 78



**Kids Care**  
 Added: 02/06/09  
 On average there are 200 children and teens in foster/adoptive care at any given time of the year. We are here to provide children and families with help, advice and a sense of caring.  
 Category: [Children's Services](#)  
 Owner: [Mrs Sally Fields](#)

Location: Carlisle  
 Access: Private  
 Members: 12



**Youth Outreach**  
 Added: 15/06/09  
 OUR MISSION is to care holistically for children and youth who are homeless, disadvantaged and disabled and give them the opportunity to live meaningful lives.  
 Category: [Children's Services](#)  
 Owner: [Mr Simon Jackson](#)

Location: Workington  
 Access: Public  
 Members: 134

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**Online Now**  
2 friends



Scott Findlater



Sue Kennedy

**Have your say**  
 Have you ever been the victim of racist violence?

☐ Yes, once  
☐ More than once  
☐ No, never

Total voters: 0

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### Connexions Cumbria

Added: 21/05/09



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Location: Kendal  
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Members: 134

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### Description

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Category: [Children's Services](#)  
Owner: Mr Richard Frank

### What's New?

- 6 hours ago  
[Claire Davidson](#) commented on [Jack Brown's photo](#).  
"Looking very smart. How was the youth parliament dinner?"
- 19 September  
[Claire Davidson](#) added new photos.
- 20 September  
[Jack Brown](#) posted in the forum [Kendal Karate Club/Category/ Topic](#).
- 22 September  
[Steven White](#) shared a [blog post](#) with [Kendal Karate Club](#).
- 22 September  
[Claire Davidson](#) commented on [Steven White's blog post](#).  
[Comment goes here](#)
- 24 September  
[Claire Davidson](#) shared a photo with [Kendal Karate Club](#).
- 28 September  
[Claire Davidson](#) added a new video.

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### Have your say

How many students should be allowed to attend an open day?

- ☐ Less than 25
- ☐ 26 to 50
- ☐ More than 50

Vote!

Total voters: 7

### Announcements

- 21 June, 7.28pm  
Connexions Cumbria are holding a number of Career Workshops during July 2009. The following...
- 23 June, 12.28pm  
Want to be a vet? We have teamed up with PetsCare veterinary practice in...

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### Members Online Now

3 members

-  [Jack Brown](#)
-  [Claire Davidson Smith](#)
-  [Claire Davidson](#)

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### Newspapers told to tell the truth

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Posted: 6 minutes ago

**David Thompson**




Home: Windermere  
Joined: 16/04/2009  
Posts: 109

We've all seen countless stories in the newspapers about "outrageous" young people who "trash" a family home in the name of a birthday party (usually after organising it via a social network). And whilst there is no doubting that it can sometimes happen, it's far more the case that a good story makes better copy than the truth.


So it's good to see that a parent has stood up to eight newspapers and Sky News and received a substantial payout for libelling her by suggesting her daughter's party got out-of-hand.

Amanda Hudson took the action even though there was no suggestion that she was to blame. Her legal counsel, David Price, said "The true position is that the house was not trashed, wrecked or destroyed. Only very minor damage was caused to one door and no property was stolen."

[Quote](#) 

Posted: Today


**Scott Findlater**



Home: Barrow  
Joined: 01/05/2009  
Posts: 110

It's about time that the record was set straight. In this day and age we seem to be easy targets for everything that's bad and wrong with society.

Thanks for having the insight to publish it.

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# SpeakUp forums


- Have your say!
- Full moderation
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- Post
- Add images



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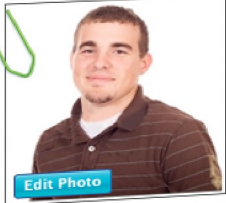
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**David Thompson**  
Last login: 25/06/2009



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Gender: Male  
Age: 17  
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Stay Safe

If anyone or anything on Speak Up makes you feel uncomfortable, please tell us right away.

All posts, messages, photos and comments have a button which you can click to send us a report.

[More online safety tips](#)

**David's blog "David rules"**  
Thursday, 25 June 2009, 11.24am  
**Kendal town Win against Bradford**  
all is not lost 4-3 and they played the best they have all season - come on guys you can do it.  
Posted by: David Thompson 0 comments

Thursday, 25 June 2009, 11.10am  
**My road to health**  
The year 2008 was a rough one for me, personally. I had developed a serious illness that wasn't responding to anything the doctors were doing. I was sick, weak, and depressed. When the football season started, it was little more than a blip on my radar. I remember sitting in front of the TV with my dad on opening day, turning to him and saying, "Dad, why do we watch every game, every year when we know they're just going to suck?" My dad, with a small grin on his face said, "because there's always a chance." Kendal Town then went out and lost that game to the Harrogate FC.  
Posted by: David Thompson 1 comment

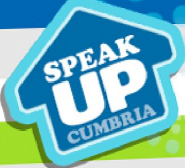
1 comment:  
Sue Kennedy said...  
You cannot fully appreciate a team until you've sat through a horrible season. For more proof, I just look to Newcastle. I'm not even that big of a football fan, but I was glued to my seat whenever they were playing this season.  
Posted: 25 June 2009, 11.13am

Blog Archive

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My road to health

# Blog

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### POLLS (ADMINISTRATOR VIEW)

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Question	Organisation	All Organisations	All Groups	My Home	Messaging	Search	Status	Active
Have you ever been the victim of racist violence?	Cumbria against racism	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Active	Yes
How many students should be allowed to attend an open day?	Kirkby Kendal School	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Active	Yes
Should young people be invited to join local government?	SLDC	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Active	Yes
Do you feel safe on the streets?	None	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Active	No
Should Cumbrian schools close on the Queen's birthday?	None	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Active	Yes
Are you happy with the level of careers support in your school?	Eden Education Committee	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Active	Yes
How much cash-to-study should a trainee be entitled to each week?	Careers Advisory Service (Barrow)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Active	Yes

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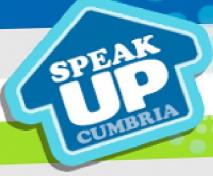
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NEW					
Type	Reported	Complainant	Offender	Assigned to	
Message	03 January 2009, 12.32pm	Scott Findlater	David Thompson	-- pending --	
Blog Post	14 May 2009, 10.55pm	Cat Rumney	Scott Findlater	-- pending --	
Photo	25 June 2009, 2.00pm	Sally Ann Wilson	Graham Wilson	-- pending --	

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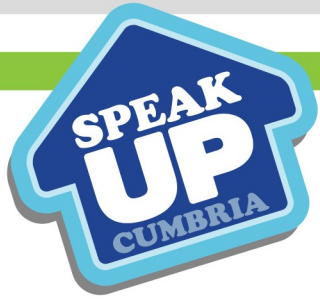
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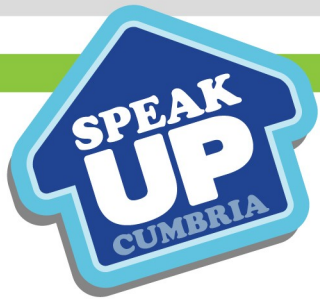


**49% of children aged 8-17 who use the internet have set up their own profile on a social networking site**

**30% of teenagers report being cyber-bullied**

**33% of 9-19 year olds receive unwanted sexual comments online**

**12% of young people using chat meet a new friend face to face**



## **Offering a secure youth participation community**

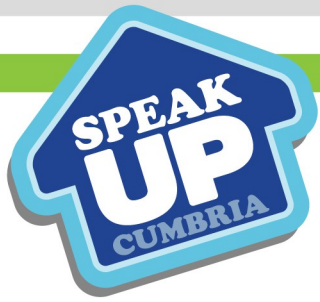
- **SpeakUp offers a different level of security to other social networking applications**
- **As part of the registration process all young people will be cross-referenced against the Connexions Cumbria database**
- **A letter through the post will not only welcome young people but will protect against fraudulent applications**
- **All adult participants will be CRB checked before they are accepted, and will be strictly monitored thereafter**
- **Everyone has to use their real name and is identifiable at all times**



## **'Walled Garden'**

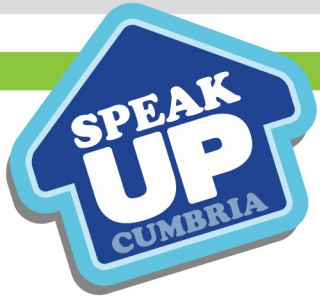
- **SpeakUp is unlike any existing social networking application; it is a 'walled garden'**
- **There are no links out to the Internet, no advertising opportunities, no off-the-shelf applications, and there's no way in without in-depth security checks**
- **It is the ideal format for youth participation, and an appropriate exception to the current blanket ban on social networking sites in schools**
- **This positions it perfectly for use as a teaching tool to promote safe online activity**





## **Specialist support : real action**

- **Behind the scenes SpeakUp is being run by an established youth support service with qualified and experienced staff.**
- **Moderation will be sensitive but firm, reflecting an understanding of young people's behaviour**
- **Online debate and patterns/trends in communication topics will be monitored enabling a real response that can lead to organised activities and events**
- **Key decision-makers and adults with the power to change things for young people will be supported to take part in this new countywide online youth participation community**



## What's next for SpeakUp?

- **SpeakUp is due to go into BETA testing in the next few weeks**
- **We are recruiting young people who want to take part in this now**
- **Please contact me for further information on how to get involved**

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